GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Municipal Administration & Urban Development Department – Natural History Park and Museum (NHPM) in Visakhapatnam – Constitution of Trust for Establishment and Operation of Natural History Park and Museum - Orders - Issued.

MUNICIPAL ADMINISTRATION AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT (M) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Ms.No.51 **Dated.16.03.2024.**

Read the following:

1) G.O.Ms.No.18, Planning (III) Department, dated.13.08.2014.
2) G.O.Rt.No.766, MA&UD (M) Department, dated.26.12.2019.
3) G.O.Ms.No.129, MA&UD (M) Department, dated.01.04.2020.
4) From the Metropolitan Commissioner, VMRDA., Visakhapatnam, Lr.Rc.No.VMRDA-12030(34)/56/2019-ENG SEC-VMRDA., dt.30.04.2023.

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O R D E R:

In the reference 1st read above, the Government of Andhra Pradesh have decided to establish Natural History Park and Museum (NHPM) in Visakhapatnam on Public-Private Partnership (PPP) mode as per the guidelines of Government of India between the Government of A.P. and Natural History Society of India (NHSI) and appointed the Forest Department as Nodal Department so as to initiate the process of acquiring land at Visakhapatnam and directed the Forest Department to establish an Autonomous Trust with the members of the Forest, Planning, Higher Education Departments and Natural History Society of India (NHSI) as an executive agency for management in future. Accordingly, the EFS&T Department have constituted the Andhra Pradesh Natural History parks and Museums Trust.

2. Subsequently, the Government vide G.O. 3rd read above appointed VMRDA as Nodal Agency for the project instead of Forest Department, since the VMRDA is bearing major financial burden and the land identified for the purpose of project originally belongs to VMRDA. The Metropolitan Commissioner, VMRDA vide letter 4th read above has informed that, the DPR prepared by NCSM, Kolkata has to be submitted to Ministry of Earth Science (MOES), GoI for according final approval and for grant of funds share of GoI as approved earlier and requested the Government to approve the Final DPR for the AP NHPM Project.

3. The Government have examined the whole matter and observed that, the proposal is a long pending matter without much progress due to inconsistencies in the structure of the organization. The Special Chief Secretary, Planning Department is the Chairman of the earlier committee to evolve a guidelines under PPP mode as per the G.O. 1st read above. However, no such guidelines have been evolved so far and entire funding pattern is proposed either by Central Government or State Government. But, the Member Secretary of the trust is non-official member/not a government servant and also representatives of MA&UD Department are not part of existing Trust Board.

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4. Therefore and after consulting the concerned Departments, the Government hereby orders to constitute a new Trust fully owned by the State Government for Establishment and Operation of Natural History Park and Museum at Visakhapatnam as suggested by GoI with the following broad composition and terms of reference:

Sl.no.	Designation	Role
1	Chief Secretary to the Government of Andhra Pradesh	Chairman
2	Special Chief Secretary, EFS&T Department	Member
3	Special Chief Secretary to Govt., MA&UD Department	Member
4	Special Chief Secretary, Higher Education	Member
5	Metropolitan Commissioner, VMRDA., Visakhapatnam	Member Secretary
6	PCCF (HoFF), Forest Department	Member
7	Secretary Ministry of Earth Sciences - GoI	Member
8	D.G., National Council of Science Museums, Ministry of Culture – GoI	Member
9	President, NHSI	Special Invitee

Terms of Reference:

a) Environment, Forests, Science & Technology Department shall take necessary action to wind up the existing trust and transfer all its assets to the new trust constituted above.
b) VMRDA shall be the executing agency for the project. The Project funds sanctioned shall be transferred to VMRDA and kept in a separate Account and managed by MC, VMRDA, who is the Member Secretary of the trust.
c) All Administrative Sanctions and Proposals to GoI shall be taken up by the Trust through the Government in MA&UD Department.
d) The Accounts of the Trust shall be maintained by VMRDA and shall be audited by AG as per normal Government procedure.
e) The trust shall have the provisions to nominate expert members with the approval of the Government in MA&UD Department.
f) The Member Secretary with the approval of the Trust, is empowered to engage experts/consultants etc for technical and handholding support for matters relating to establishment and operationalizing the project, following due procedures.
g) The Member Secretary shall prepare the draft trust deed and submit to Government for approval and shall register the new Trust.

5. The Government from time to time after reviewing the project status, will issue necessary instructions/orders as deemed fit for completing the project on priority basis.

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6. The EFS&T Department, A.P. Secretariat and the Metropolitan Commissioner, Visakhapatnam Metropolitan Region Development Authority, Visakhapatnam shall take further necessary action in the matter, accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

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To
The Chief Secretary to Government of Andhra Pradesh.
The Special C.S. to Government, MA&UD Department, A.P. Secretariat.
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The OSD to Hon'ble Minister for MA&UD Department.
The Secretary to Government, Planning Department, A.P. Secretariat.
The District Collector, Visakhapatnam District.
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// FORWARDED BY ORDER //

SECTION OFFICER.